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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.